# **FISCAL NOTE**

## SB 1537 - HB 1309

March 31, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Provides that if a person commits an offense at direction of a member of a criminal gang as an initiation ritual, members of the gang who are not responsible as principals in the offense are considered co-conspirators and punishable as such.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

## Increase State Expenditures - \$248,300/Incarceration\*

## Assumption:

• 10 additional convictions per year for conspiracy to commit aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, and theft.

\*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director